(c) the details of foreign aid; and

(d) the area earmarked for the project and the work completed thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project was started in March 1996 and is scheduled to be completed in March 2001.

(c) Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) has agreed to provide loan of 15760 million yen for the project.

(d) Afforestation over 2.31 lakh ha. area is contemplated under the project as against which 2.32 lakh hectares area has already been tackled upto Sept. 2000.

National Forestry Action Plan in Manipur

1303. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Forest Department of Manipur Government has submitted a proposal for external assistance for implementation of National Forestry Action Plan in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the consultant appointed by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in consultation with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) has formulated two concept papers namely, Manipur Forestry Development Project and Forest Wasteland Development Project for Manipur to secure external assistance for implementation of National Forestry Action Programme in the State. The concept papers have been sent to the Government of Manipur on 3rd November, 2000 to ascertain whether they are in conformity with their views and implementable.